



Vote Child, Youth and Family Services

Report in relation to selected Non-Departmental Appropriations
For the year ended 30 June 2008

Foreword

Section 32A(2) of the Public Finance Act 1989 requires the Minister responsible for each non-departmental appropriation to report to the House of Representatives, within three months of the end of the financial year, on the services purchased in the preceding year.

The Vote Child, Youth and Family Services non-departmental appropriation report contains the statements of service performance for the following non-departmental output expenses for the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008:

- Counselling and Rehabilitation Services.
- Education and Prevention Services.
- Family Wellbeing Services.
- Strengthening Providers and Communities.

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Introduction

The Ministry of Social Development supports, develops and funds New Zealand community service providers through its non-departmental output expenses. During the year, work continued on the development and implementation of the Pathway to Partnership Plan, which is a multi-year plan to build strong and sustainable and more effective community-based services for families, children and young people. At its core is the strong, supportive working relationship between government and the community sector.

It recognises that community-based providers of services for children, young people and families play an essential role in supporting families and making sure that children and young people get the best start in life.

Pathway to Partnership will:

- move existing essential family-, child- and youth-focused services to full funding by 2011
- provide for annual cost adjustment payments
- address forecast volume increases
- focus more on achieving outcomes and less on inputs or programmes
- enable providers to build workforce capability and capacity
- support organisations to work more closely together to reduce duplication and get more resources into services.

Funding for Pathway to Partnership is appropriated in Child, Youth and Family's *Strengthening Providers and Communities* non-departmental output expense.

As Child, Youth and Family cannot act alone to achieve better outcomes for children, young people and their families, it has an important role in developing and funding community services. The following schedule of non-departmental output expenses shows the quality and quantity of services delivered by community service providers in order to facilitate the funding of community services.

Statement(s) of Service Performance

NON-DEPARTMENTAL OUTPUT EXPENSES

Counselling and Rehabilitation Services

Scope of Appropriation

Purchase of services, including family counselling and other post-crisis interventions, that restore the wellbeing of children, young people and families who have suffered harm and abuse or other forms of family breakdown or youth justice issues.

Intended Impacts, Outcomes or Objectives

Intended Impacts, Outcomes or Objectives of Appropriations	Appropriation
<p>Outcome – Children and Young People</p> <p>Objective – Give children the best start in life. Children are New Zealand's future. All children grow up in a safe and happy environment.</p> <p>Objective – Help young people to achieve their potential. Young people are supported to overcome barriers and develop their understanding of, and ability to make good decisions about, the range of issues and opportunities they may face.</p>	Counselling and Rehabilitation Services.
<p>Outcome – Families and Whānau</p> <p>Objective – Supporting families and whānau to be safe and resilient. Families and whānau are able to support their members' identity, participation in society and interdependence.</p>	Counselling and Rehabilitation Services.

Description of Activities

This output expense provides funding for services, including family counselling and other post-crisis interventions that restore the wellbeing of children, young people and families who have suffered harm and abuse, or other forms of family breakdown, and for the perpetrators of harm and abuse.

Service Performance

Non-Financial

Performance Measures	2006/07 Actual Standard	2007/08 Budgeted Standard	2007/08 Actual Standard
Quantity Number of new clients receiving intervention:	31,055	23,000-27,000	26,850
Quality Percentage of clients completing intervention:	81%	80-90%	81%

Financial

Expenses and Revenue	2006/07 Actual \$000	2007/08 Estimates \$000	2007/08 Supp Estimates \$000	2007/08 Actual \$000
Total Appropriation	10,959	10,963	11,254	11,219
Revenue from the Crown	10,959	10,963	11,254	11,219

Education and Prevention Services

Scope of Appropriation

Purchase of education and prevention programmes and initiatives that aim to provide skills to children, young people and families who are at risk of harm or abuse, which will help them to reduce the risk of that abuse or harm.

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<p>Outcome – Families and Whānau</p> <p>Objective – Supporting families and whānau to be safe and resilient. Families and whānau are able to support their members' identity, participation in society and interdependence.</p>	Education and Prevention Services.

Description of Activities

Education and Prevention Services address a range of programmes that include life skills and parenting skills, self-esteem for youth and prevention of sexual abuse. A considerable portion of this funding is contracted to providers working to prevent and reduce family violence.

Service Performance

Non-Financial

Performance Measures	2006/07 Actual Standard	2007/08 Budgeted Standard	2007/08 Actual Standard
Quantity Number of new clients receiving intervention:	38,289	26,000-32,000	31,782
Quality Percentage of clients completing intervention:	83%	75-85%	78%

Financial

Expenses and Revenue	2006/07 Actual \$000	2007/08 Estimates \$000	2007/08 Supp Estimates \$000	2007/08 Actual \$000
Total Appropriation	5,746	5,771	5,952	5,897
Revenue from the Crown	5,746	5,771	5,592	5,897

Family Wellbeing Services

Scope of Appropriation

Purchase of services that aim to improve life outcomes for children, young people and families through support and development programmes, and programmes that will prevent any future harm or abuse.

Intended Impacts, Outcomes or Objectives

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<p>Outcome – Children and Young People</p> <p>Objective – Give children the best start in life. Children are New Zealand's future. All children grow up in a safe and happy environment.</p> <p>Objective – Help young people to achieve their potential. Young people are supported to overcome barriers and develop their understanding of, and ability to make good decisions about, the range of issues and opportunities they may face.</p>	Family Wellbeing Services.
<p>Outcome – Families and Whānau</p> <p>Objective – Supporting families and whānau to be safe and resilient. Families and whānau are able to support their members' identity, participation in society and interdependence.</p>	Family Wellbeing Services.

Description of Activities

Activities are focused on restoring the wellbeing of families who are suffering family breakdown, with the emphasis on keeping families intact and assisting families to meet their care and support responsibilities, including the provision of a safe home environment for children and young people. This includes refuge services and emergency housing, and support for women and children who have been subject to family violence, violence intervention programmes and services, and Social Workers in Schools.

Service Performance

Non-Financial

Performance Measures	2006/07 Actual Standard	2007/08 Budgeted Standard	2007/08 Actual Standard
Quantity			
Number of new clients or families receiving interventions will be:	68,885	62,000-68,000	64,313
Number of schools receiving services from the Social Workers in Schools programme will be:	311	330-350	335
Number of full-time-equivalent social workers employed in the Social Workers in Schools programme will be:	119	125	126
Quality			
Percentage of clients/families completing planned interventions will be:	87%	85-90%	87%

Financial

Expenses and Revenue	2006/07 Actual	2007/08 Estimates	2007/08 Supp Estimates	2007/08 Actual
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Total Appropriation	38,376	40,697	43,142	40,815
Revenue from the Crown	38,376	40,697	43,142	40,815

Comment on Variance

The under-spend is mainly due to Pathway to Partnership sustainability funding of \$1.514 million. This under-spend will be transferred to the next financial year.

Strengthening Providers and Communities

Scope of Appropriation

Purchase of services that contribute to strengthening the capacity and capability of providers to deliver strong and effective social services.

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<p>Outcome – Families and Whānau</p> <p>Objective – Supporting families and whānau to be safe and resilient. Families and whānau are able to support their members’ identity, participation in society and interdependence.</p>	<p>Strengthening Providers and Communities.</p>
<p>Outcome – Communities, Hapū and Iwi</p> <p>Objective – Strengthening communities. Build our relationships with, and the capability of, the community and voluntary sector to ensure that New Zealand families and communities are strong and resilient.</p>	<p>Strengthening Providers and Communities.</p>

Description of Activities

This funding supports national or regional social service organisations to assist affiliated members and/or branches in their management, administration, training and service development needs. It also funds specific initiatives that support the strengthening of the organisational, workforce and service capability of providers, such as Enhanced Caregiver Support, training under the Children, Young Persons, and Their Families Act 1989, the Pacific Peoples’ Provider Development Fund and the Iwi Māori Provider Workforce Development Fund.

Service Performance

Non-Financial

Performance Measures	2006/07 Actual Standard	2007/08 Budgeted Standard	2007/08 Actual Standard
Quantity			
Number of groups/organisations whose infrastructure was supported by a national body will be:	161	180-210	189
Number of groups/organisations receiving organisational development funding eg training, business mentoring or other forms of development, will be:	165	260-320	285
Quality			
Satisfaction survey results indicate satisfaction with service received from national body:	90%	80-90%	84%*
Percentage of objectives set out in service providers' plans (development and/or training) will be:	85%	80-90%	82%

Financial

Expenses and Revenue	2006/07 Actual \$000	2007/08 Estimates \$000	2007/08 Supp Estimates \$000	2007/08 Actual \$000
Total Appropriation	4,969	4,886	4,915	4,716
Revenue from the Crown	4,969	4,886	4,915	4,716

* Variation in sample size owing to reduced number of participants.